

the clerk shall refuse to issue such order, the party requesting such order may appeal to the judge who may order that the record be opened, if, in his opinion, it be to the best interest of the child or of the public.

Procedure for appeal from ruling of clerk.

"48-27. Procedure when appeal is taken. (a) In the event of an appeal from ruling of the clerk in an adoption proceeding, the clerk must impound all papers and reports not open to the public pending final determination of the appeal. Within ten days after final determination of the appeal, the clerk must forward all papers and reports as specified in G. S. 48-24.

Certified copies of certain documents prohibited.

(b) The clerk must not at any time furnish to anyone copies or certified copies of any documents in the proceeding other than the petition, the interlocutory decree, and the final order.

Questioning validity of adoption proceeding.

"48-28. Questioning validity of adoption proceeding. (a) After the final order of adoption is signed, no party to an adoption proceeding nor anyone claiming under such a party may later question the validity of the adoption proceeding by reason of any defect or irregularity therein, jurisdictional or otherwise, but shall be fully bound thereby, save for such appeal as may be allowed by law. No adoption may be questioned by reason of any procedural or other defect by any one not injured by such defect, nor may any adoption proceeding be attacked either directly or collaterally by any person other than a natural parent or guardian of the person of the child. The failure on the part of the Clerk of the Superior Court, the county superintendent of public welfare, or the executive head of a licensed child placing agency to perform any of the duties or acts within the time required by the provisions of this Act shall not affect the validity of any adoption proceeding.

Effect of final order of adoption.

(b) The final order of adoption shall have the force and effect of, and shall be entitled to, all the presumptions attached to a judgment rendered by a court of general jurisdiction.

Change of name of child.

"48-29. Change of name; report to State Registrar; new birth certificate to be made. (a) For the proper cause shown the court may decree that the name of the child shall be changed to such name as may be prayed in the petition. When the name of any child is so changed, the court shall forthwith report such change to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health. Upon receipt of the report, the State Registrar of the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall prepare a new birth certificate for the child named in the report which shall contain the following information: full adoptive name of child, sex, race, date of birth, full name of adoptive father, full maiden name of adoptive mother, and such other pertinent information not inconsistent herewith as may be determined by the State Registrar. The city and county of residence of the adoptive parents shall be shown as the place of birth, and the names of the attending physician and the local registrar shall be omitted. No reference

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